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SUBJECT: REVOLUTIONARY CELLS (RZ)

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1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION MAY BE PASSED TO NYPD
INTELLIGENCE PROVIDED IT IS USED FOR OFFICIAL PURPOSES
ONLY.

2. WHILE INITIALLY IT WAS THOUGHT THAT THE FIREBOMBING
OF THE RHEIN MEIN OFFICERS CLUB WAS ACCIDENTAL, EVIDENCE
HAS BEEN FOUND INDICATING IT WAS ARSON. INITIALLY, IT
WAS THOUGHT THAT THE "REVOLUTIONARY CELLS" WERE TAKING THE
OPPORTUNITY TO CLAIM CREDIT; AUTHORITIES NOW BELIEVE THE
INCIDENT WAS PROPERLY ACCREDITED.

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3. LITTLE IS KNOWN ABOUT THE "REVOLUTIONARY CELLS" (RZ)
EXCEPT THAT THEY HAVE BEEN CONNECTED WITH SEVERAL OTHER
ANARCHIST ACTS IN WEST GERMANY, THE LATEST OF WHICH
FOLLOWED THE ARREST OF BAADER-MEINHOF GANG MEMBER
SIEGFRIED H A A G. IT IS ALSO BELIEVED THE RZ IS LED BY
A FORMER BAADER-MEINHOF GANG MEMBER.

4. NYPD'S BELIEF THAT THE BAADER-MEINHOF GANG WAS DEFUNCT
IS PROBABLY CORRECT. THE AUTHORSHIP OF PRESENT
ACTIVITIES CAN PROBABLY BE ACCREDITED TO A VERY FEW
REMAINING MEMBERS OF THE BAADER-MEINHOF GANG AND TO
NEW RECRUITS.
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